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SUBJECT: SIXTH RED CROSS TALKS

REF: A. FBIS B061045; B. FBIS B070435

1. NORTH KOREAN RED CROSS DELEGATION ARRIVED IN SEOUL MAY 8 FOR SIXTH RED CROSS TALKS. ACCORDING TO ROK NEWS REPORTS, NORTH'S CHIEF DELEGATE KIM TAE-HUI SAID IN BRIEF ARRIVAL STATEMENT AT PANMUNJOM THAT NORTH SIDE WOULD DO ITS BEST IN SIXTH RED CROSS TALKS "TO ALLEVIATE SUFFERING OF DIVIDED FAMILIES." HOWEVER, PYONGYANG RADIO MONITORED HERE USED PHRASE "DIVIDED PEOPLE" IN PLACE OF "DIVIDED FAMILIES." THIS REFLECTS FUNDAMENTAL DIFFERENCE IN STANDPOINT OF TWO SIDES ON PURPOSE OF RED CROSS TALKS.

2. TENOR OF NORTH DELEGATE'S ARRIVAL STATEMENT WAS IN ANY CASE POSITIVE, IN CONTRAST WITH RECENT SPATE OF ANTI-ROK COMMENTARY FROM PYONGYANG REPORTED BY FBIS. KCNA 6 MAY BROADCAST REPORTED BY FBIS (B061045) CONTAINS STRONGEST DENUNCIATION OF ROK BY OFFICIAL NK MEDIA, AS OPPOSED TO UNOFFICIAL VOICE OF REVOLUTIONARY PARTY FOR REUNIFICATION, WHICH WE HAVE SEEN SINCE ANNOUNCEMENT
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OF SOUTH- NORTH JOINT COMMUNIQUE LAST JULY 4. FBIS B070435
QUOTES MAY 7 NODONG SINMUN AS SAYING THAT " MALIGNANT SMEAR
CAMPAIGN" AGAINST NORTH CASTS A " DARK SHADOW" UPON SIXTH RED
CROSS TALKS BEGINNING MAY 9 IN SEOUL.

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